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Jaeger Tract History: How Will the Last Chapter Read?

by Virginia Beauchamp

This is the second of two articles concerning the 40-year history of the effort by citizens and various public agencies to acquire the Jaeger Tract for inclusion in Greenbelt Park.

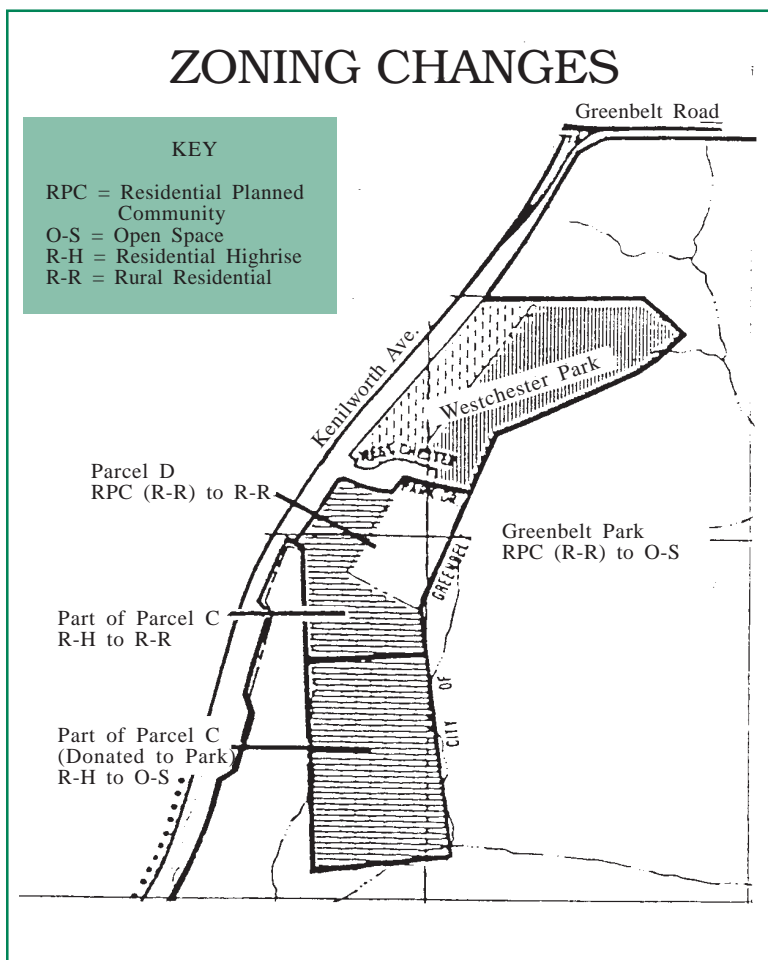
Westchester Park

By September 1967 only the garden apartment condominiums of Westchester Park had been completed. Hence a proposal surfaced to exchange the adjacent portion that had been zoned for high-rise buildings for two other tracts, one at the park's southern edge off Good Luck Road near Kenilworth and another along Greenbelt Road. B. F. Saul, still owner of the Jaeger property, was willing to make the exchange, as noted in July 1968, if commercial rezoning could be obtained for that piece of the park land at the corner at Greenbelt Road and Kenilworth Avenue.

The Greenbelt City Council immediately opposed the commercial venture. They feared it would establish a precedent for what could become a chain reaction of commercial development southward along Kenilworth. Yet in October the city learned that the National Park Service (NPS) would agree to the commercial zoning if Saul's construction of office space were limited to not more than 500,000 square feet along Greenbelt Road. "It would keep the Saul development farther from the main road [apparently referring to the road within the park] and help protect park values," Frank Mentzer, NPS Superintendent said.

Although no record appears in the News Review of city intervention with prominent politicians, on December 26, 1968, we reported that U.S. Senator Daniel B. Brewster supported the city's opposition to the commercial zoning. Council objected as well to a petition by Saul for a special exception permitting construction of apartment units having a greater number of bedrooms than the code normally permitted on the remaining 50 acres of land on the Jaeger Tract.

Not long after this time, about 30 years ago, the two high-rise buildings of Westchester Park were constructed as rental properties and a few years later apartments in the first of the two structures were remodeled and



Map of the Greenbelt Park – Jaeger Tract – Westchester Park area with zoning changes proposed by the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission in its master plan for the Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt area. (Based on the zoning map in the master plan with changes and corrections coordinated with the M-NCPPC staff.)

converted to condominiums. Similar plans for the second building were abandoned after the condominium market collapsed.

Greenhorne & O'Mara

In late June 1988 the longtime local engineering firm of Greenhorne & O'Mara purchased what is called Parcel D and part of Parcel C of the remaining Jaeger Tract, where they hoped to construct two buildings for their corporate headquarters, a new "World Headquarters," as they called it. The building that they still occupy on Edmonston Road opposite the Greenbelt Middle School had become too small, they said, and many of their employees were working in rental space. The firm hoped to consolidate its operations.

In order to do so, however, the company was seeking rezoning of the still undeveloped 17.43-acre portion of the Jaeger Tract

property to the C-O (Commercial Office) category. The request was timely, since the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission was in the process of drawing up a new zoning map amendment to the Langley Park-College Park-Greenbelt area Master Plan.

In the new plan, a 28.9-acre section in the most southern portion of Parcel C in the Jaeger Tract, which had been donated to the park in the late 1970s, was to be rezoned to the Open Space category. This badly damaged property had been used originally for a sand and gravel operation, and later as a dumping ground for soil excavated in creation of the Kenilworth Avenue underpass at Greenbelt Road. A plan by the Park Service was still later drawn up for reclamation of this particular parcel.

The remainder of Parcel C (9.43 acres) and all of Parcel D (8.0 acres) were to be rezoned to Rural Residential (R-R) according to the new Master Plan. R-R would permit only single family homes. Something called a Comprehensive Design Zone (CDZ) was also adopted, however, for these two parcels.

CDZ would permit some increased density of housing construction but would also encour-

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Peters Appoints Ric Santos As His County Legislative Aide

by Patrick J. McAndrew

On November 19, Richard J. "Ric" Santos of Ridge Road was appointed as legislative aide to Douglas J. J. Peters, the newly elected 4th district county councilmember whose district includes Greenbelt. In announcing Santos' appointment, Peters observed, "Ric, as both a veteran and past national commander of the American Legion, offers a wealth of common sense experience and will be a tremendous asset in Upper Marlboro." Santos assumed his new duties on December 2.

Prior to accepting the position, Santos was the national commander of the American Legion, headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana. As the chief executive officer of the 2.8 million-member veterans' advocacy organization, his responsibilities included corporate financial planning and budgeting, management



Ric Santos

and administration of three campuses and 300 employees, strategic corporate planning of programs, on-site inspections of veterans' healthcare and disability facilities and defense installations worldwide and interaction with legislative and executive branches of federal and state government.

Before being national commander, Santos enjoyed a successful 32-year career as an insurance adjuster, specializing in the investigation and adjustment of complex personal and commercial property claims, with his most recent 15 years being spent with the CIGNA Property & Casualty Companies of Philadelphia, Pa.

When contacted about Santos' appointment, Mayor Judith Davis stated, "It means that there will be a voice for our community as

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Christmas in Early Greenbelt

The Ghost of Christmas Past

by Barbara Bonham Young

Oh, the cozy hissing of the radiators in 35-B Ridge Road – they served us well in the days before dryers. On top of the radiators would be wet mittens and socks drying out after sleigh-riding or the long trek home in the dark from iceskating on Greenbelt Lake. Wet shoes went under, not on, the radiators.

Speaking of skating on Greenbelt Lake: although there were no lights at all on Crescent Road or at the lake, there was usually some light and warmth from a bonfire that Greenbelt fathers would get going near the shoreline. From far across the frozen lake would come the happy shrieks of bobsledders when their bobsled hit the ice after zooming down a steep hill carved out of the woods now adjoining Lakeside Drive properties. I was never brave enough to be among them, contenting my six-year-old self for hours with simply skating back and forth on my bent-in ankles. It was thrill enough when eventually I learned to turn around on the ice.

Christmas

In 1937, when Greenbelt opened, Christmas Eve was when families decorated a Christmas

tree if they chose to have one. (Any other decorations were rarities.) However, for reasons of thrift, my widowed mother waited until Christmas Eve was almost over before she authorized her four children to go to the Center and buy a tree.

After 10 p.m., trees got much cheaper. I seem to remember the sum of 50 cents. We usually had to buy a fairly scraggly thing, but after we got home, my older siblings wired in extra branches to fill out the look. Christmas tree lights were large – by Mazda, I think – and did not blink. Icicles were essential and hanging them artfully straight was also essential. One did not just throw icicles at a tree.

We went to bed late. All evening our mother, who worked in an office, would have been baking and cooking in advance of the next day's big dinner. She was not off from work on Christmas Eve. We were a family of five. She turned out a turkey and large amounts of other food on the little black three-burner stove like the one you can see in the Greenbelt Mu-

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What Goes On

Friday, December 6 through Sunday, December 8

Festival of Lights (See advertisement on page 16)

Monday, December 9

7:30 p.m., Recycling & Environment Advisory Board, Community Center

Wednesday, December 11

8 p.m., City Council Public Forum on Skateboard Park with PRAB and Youth Advisory Board, Community Center

If you have stories to share, send them to the Greenbelt Museum which is compiling more holiday/World War II memories for future special exhibits. E-mail them at greenbeltmuseum@ci.greenbelt.md.us or write to the Greenbelt Museum, 15 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, MD 20770.

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Letters to the Editor

School Wants to Be A Good Neighbor

Friends Community School (FCS) has been in this area for 16 years, first in Adelphi, and currently in College Park. About five years ago, when we were first looking for property on which to build a permanent home, we became very interested in the Jaeger Tract. This piece of land seemed to provide us exactly what we were looking for, matching our vision for where we wanted FCS to go. It afforded ready access to the large green space of Greenbelt Park and also its own wetland, both of which would facilitate the expansion of our strong ecology program. It would also allow us to be good stewards of the land, restoring the wetland and repairing other damage to the Earth that had been caused by previous uses including farming and mining. We were unable to purchase the property at that time and due to turmoil within the school we were forced to suspend our search for land for over three years and were only able to seriously consider attempting to purchase any property again in the fall of 2001. At that time the Jaeger Tract was once more up for sale, and as our vision of what we could make there had not dimmed, we decided to investigate the possibilities further.

Our initial desire was to join in the coalition that was attempting to purchase the Jaeger Tract. We had sufficient monies to put up (what was at that time) the matching funds required by Steny Hoyer’s initial appropriation plan. In exchange we wanted to be able to put our school on a portion of the property, to have access to the park and to work with Greenbelt Park to enhance our ecological curriculum by utilizing the surrounding parkland. With this in mind, we began approaching members of the coalition.

This past spring, we attempted to address the Westchester Park Civic Association concerning our desire to put a school on the Jaeger Tract. After an informal discussion with Joe Haskell, a member of the board of directors of the Westchester Park Civic Association, the request for dialogue was denied. We then attempted to meet with the Greenbelt City Council, but were told, politely but firmly and clearly, that the city did not wish to hold discussions with us while

it felt it could raise sufficient funds to secure the entire tract itself. We also attempted to contact the National Park Service and had an informal meeting with Glenn Eugster, but were informed that the Park Service would not discuss our entering the partnership to secure the property without the agreement of the City of Greenbelt. We also held informal discussions with the National Park Trust, but again were denied access. Out of options for cooperation, we independently tendered our first formal offer for the Jaeger Tract in July, beginning a long and difficult negotiation that culminated in the purchase of the property.

In addition, while we found the News Review article about the sale of the Jaeger Tract well balanced, we must make a small but important correction. When Tom Goss characterized the proposed building as a “green school,” he was referring to its environmental friendliness. “Greenness” refers to its efficient use of water, energy and construction materials, its interior environment and its compatibility with its surroundings. In this vein, the building will be efficient to run and will be friendly to the surrounding park and wetlands. The exterior, however, will probably not be any shade of green, unless it is endowed with a living roof. If anyone is interested in getting more information on “green” buildings, they can visit the U. S. Green Building council at www.usgbc.org.

In conclusion, let us say that we want to be a good neighbor and a good member of all the communities of which we are a part, including Westchester Park, Greenbelt Park and the City of Greenbelt. We understand that this is a difficult time for the city and many of its citizens. We feel that FCS has much of great value to offer to the city. FCS offers a unique educational experience that produces joyous peacemakers, courageous risk-tak-

ers and life-long learners. Many Greenbelters already attend FCS and we know the city is a wonderful place. We believe we make an excellent match.

*Jeremy Warner
Greenbelt Resident,
Member of FCS
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Clerk of FCS
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Tom Goss,
Head of School, FCS*

School Admonished

When I first heard that the Jaeger Tract, which the community had been trying to acquire for decades, had been sold, I assumed it was to a used-car dealership or a commercial real estate developer. I was shocked to learn that the buyer was a school, and even more shocked that it was a Friends school. My daughter attended a Friends school, and your purchase of this property is inconsistent with the values that were taught at my daughter’s school.

You may wish to pause for a moment to think about the lessons your actions will teach your students about respect for the environment, how to conduct oneself in business, and the role of a good corporate citizen.

Charles P. Hagelgans

Editor’s Note: A copy of this letter, addressed to Friends Community School, was provided to the News Review by its author.

Honey-toned Developers . . .

Alas, I believe that Mr. Shyrock has been taken in by the honeyed tones of the developers. If there existed a signed, wiggle-proof contract between an upscale retailer and the developer, then I’d cheerfully anticipate not having to drive to distant zipcodes to indulge my good taste. But such is not the case. If fine restaurants and big name stores were clamoring to be in Greenbelt, where were they when the huge eastern end of Beltway Plaza was empty until quite recently?

Instead it became home to such useful (but hardly ritzy) stores as Value City, Burlington Coat Factory, Marshall’s and Target. Greenway Center has splendid access to the Beltway and Parkway (if you can get out of the parking lot) – but hosts Ross (Dress for Less) rather than Nordstrom (Dress for More). I would be the first to admit that Beltway Plaza and Greenway do not have the glossy cachet of Montgomery Mall, Tysons Corner, or White Flint and that they wouldn’t be attractive to the tenants Mr. Shyrock has in mind. But that’s no accident.

While many folks in Greenbelt and the surrounding area are relatively affluent for Prince George’s County, the median family income in a five-mile circle around Greenbelt Metro is far less than

The Old Curmudgeon



"No, I'm not driving . . . it's too risky to drive and use a cell phone!"

in the catchment areas of the glamour malls. The investors who decide on new stores are entirely hard-headed about the decision. It’s demographics, demographics, demographics that dictate location, location, location.

The ordinary people of an area have to have somewhere to live that is affordable. While Prince George’s County continues to serve this role for the metropolitan area, its residents will continue to have amenities that reflect their average pocketbooks. If Mr. Shyrock wants to have Montgomery County shopping levels at his doorstep, then he will have to pay the freight that makes a Boxwood Village split level worth half a million dollars if you buy it in Rockville. If Prince George’s can bootstrap itself into a larger share

of the area’s well-heeled people by improving its reputation as a place to live: in particular by having schools that well-educated and prosperous people want their children to attend, then Mr. Shyrock’s house will increase in value and speculative mall builders will bring in the top dogs. But it won’t happen the other way round. Getting a mall won’t increase the desirability of living here or raise housing values enough to attract quality stores. And we’ll finish up with yet another humdrum shopping center with the same tired old stores in it.

The city council fights these developments from hard-won experience of the realities behind developers’ promises. Last week’s

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NARFE Hosts Lunch Speaker

NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees) Chapter #1122 will meet at Sir Walter Raleigh’s Restaurant on Greenbelt Road at noon on December 11. All federal employees and retired members including guests are welcome. There will be a speaker. To learn more call 301-474-7427.

NARFE Celebrates 15th Anniversary

NARFE (National Association of Retired Federal Employees) chapter #2146 will celebrate its 15th anniversary on Wednesday, December 18 at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Pkwy. in Lanham with a catered lunch starting at noon. There is a fee and reservations should be made by December 13. Call 301-731-4603.

Greenbriar Party Features Santa

Greenbriar/Glen Oaks children eight and under are invited to a Christmas celebration on Saturday, December 21 at 11:30 a.m. in the Terrace Room. There will be a guest appearance by Santa. Parents are encouraged to bring cameras to take pictures of their children with Santa. Lunch for the children will be provided. Admission is free. Call Tina at 301-441-1096, ext. 4 by December 18 to register children.

Greenbriar & Lions Sponsor Toy Drive

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks in conjunction with the Greenbelt Lions Club, will again sponsor a toy drive from December 1 to 20. Residents are asked to donate new toys or clean toys in very good condition. Toys will be distributed to underprivileged children throughout Greenbelt and children who are hospitalized. Drop boxes will be in the Greenbriar office located at 7600 Hanover Parkway, Suite 101. For more information call Tina at 301-441-1096, ext. 4.

Greenbriar Lunches For Holiday Seniors

Greenbriar and Glen Oaks senior residents and their guests are invited to a Christmas luncheon in the Terrace Room on Tuesday, December 17 at 12:30 p.m. Seniors will be treated to a hot buffet and sounds of the season. Admission is free but RSVP to Tina at 301-441-1096, ext. 4 by Friday, December 13.

Community Events

At the Library

Children’s Programs
Tuesday, December 10, 7 p.m. Cliffhangers for ages 5 to 8.
Wednesday, December 11, 10:15 and 11 a.m. Cuddletime for ages 12 to 24 months with caregiver. Registration required.
4 p.m. BookKids. Book discussion for ages 8 to 12.
Thursday, December 12, 10:15 a.m. Drop-In Storytime for ages 3 to 5.
11:15 a.m. Toddler Time for two-year-olds with caregiver.

Adult Programs
Saturday, December 14, 10:30 a.m. Poetry Plus. Discussion group for adults. Theme: Celebration.

Join Volksmarchers For a Local Walk

Everyone is welcome to participate in a 5K or 10K evening stroll in Old Greenbelt. This event, sponsored by the Great Greenbelt Volksmarchers, begins at Generous Joe’s Deli on Thursday, December 12. Registration is 5 to 6 p.m. and all walks must be completed by 9 p.m. Flashlights are highly recommended. The trail is suitable for strollers but difficult for wheelchairs.

Mamas and Papas

The Greenbelt Mamas and Papas will meet on Wednesday, December 11, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Greenbelt Community Center. This month, make a batch of cookies and bring them to exchange with others. All are welcome for potluck lunch and conversation – make friends with other parents in Greenbelt. To learn more call Melissa at 301-982-9812.

Greenbelt Museum Has Holiday Tours

The Greenbelt Museum, 10-B Crescent Road, will be open for special tours on Friday night, December 6 from 7 to 9 p.m., in conjunction with Greenbelt’s Festival of Lights celebration. Tours will highlight the December theme of Home for the Holidays: World War II Traditions. The house is decorated to show how Greenbelt families maintained their holiday traditions in the face of wartime rationing and air raid drills. Many every-day food products such as butter and meat were rationed. Ordinary items like film, shoes, paper and chewing gum were scarce.

The Museum house will continue to be open for regular tours each Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. The Museum shop has many new holiday items for sale including new holiday cards, T-shirts and ornaments. The Museum will be closed on Sunday, December 22.

Last Call for Art

Last call: sculptors and installation artists interested in participating in an outdoor exhibition for Greenbelt New Year are invited to apply to the Greenbelt Recreation Department by December 13. Applications are available at the main office of the Greenbelt Community Center located at 15 Crescent Road or by calling Nicole DeWald, arts coordinator, at 301-397-2208 or ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

Greenbelt Museum Has Holiday Items

The Greenbelt Museum has exclusive Greenbelt items in time for holiday shopping. Have a look at a new ornament in brass featuring a decorated tree based on a drawing created by Greenbelt pioneer Haven Nichols, the third Cat’s Meow depicting the Greenbelt Community Center and a T-shirt with one of the Community Center reliefs. Holiday cards are also available.

FOGM (Friends of the Greenbelt Museum) is also holding a raffle of an American Girl doll representing the year 1944. The doll’s name is Molly. She has a cute bobbed hair style and wears glasses. Her father is off fighting in the war. The raffle drawing will be held on December 22, in time to make someone happy during the holiday.

The museum has many other items for holiday shopping needs. The museum gift shop will be open 1 to 5 p.m., December 8, 15 and 22 and is located at 10-B Crescent Road. Additionally, FOGM will be at the annual Craft Fair held in the Community Center December 7 and 8 and also at the Greenbelt Co-op grocery store December 14, 21 and 22 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Community Church Christmas Concert

There will be a free Christmas Concert at Greenbelt Community Church, Hillside and Crescent Roads, on December 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The concert will feature the church’s chancel choir and children’s choir. There will be soloists, ensembles and instrumentalists as well. The many talented participants will bring to the audience the spirit of the Christmas season in their music.

Skateboard Park Site in Question

The site for a skateboard park will be the subject of a public forum to be held on Wednesday, December 11 at 8 p.m. in the Community Center.

In a previous work session, the consensus of those present was that the little-used Braden Field tennis courts 7 and 8 would be the ideal location. It was noted that this site has the advantage of having a solid foundation already in place, albeit in need of repair.

The design of the park, as well as a determination as to the best and most economical materials and equipment, was to be planned by the Department of Recreation in conjunction with the Skateboard Coalition.



Help Park Remove Non-native Plants

Invasive, non-native plants have become a problem for the native plants growing in our area. Join a hands-on preservation activity to help protect Greenbelt Park on Saturday, December 7 at 11 a.m. at the Sweetgum Picnic Area.

This is a partnership between Greenbelt Park and the University of Maryland.

For information or directions, call the park at 301-344-3948 or check the park’s website at <http://www.nps.gov/gree>.

Canned Food Drive At Greenbelt Park

Join Greenbelt Park and the National Park Service to help make a difference this holiday season by donating canned goods as part of the Federal Women’s Food Drive until Tuesday, December 17.

Canned goods are being collected at the park headquarters Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the ranger station every day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For information or directions, please call the park at 301-344-3948 or check its website (www.nps.gov/gree).

“Trouble with Harry” Movie of the Week

The free monthly movie at the Community Center will be shown Monday, December 9, at 1 p.m. in the Senior Classroom. The show will be “The Trouble with Harry” starring Shirley MacLaine, John Forsythe and a sterling cast directed by Alfred Hitchcock.

When a small boy finds a body in a Vermont town, all kinds of problems arise as the community tries to handle the situation. The film shows Hitchcock’s light and amusing touch and was filmed against a background of New England’s beautiful fall colors. This was Shirley MacLaine’s film debut in 1955.

“Celebration” Topic For Poetry Plus

Poetry Plus, a group for poets and poetry lovers to listen and talk, an appreciative audience for new poems or old, poems people love, hate or don’t understand, will meet on Saturday, December 14 at the Greenbelt Library from 10:30 a.m. to noon. The suggested subject is “Celebration.” The discussion is open to all who enjoy talking about poetry. It will help to bring five to 10 copies of poems for the group to read. To learn more, call 301-474-8935.

City New Year’s Eve Needs Volunteers

Teen and adult volunteers are needed for New Year’s Eve arts activities including mask and crown workshops and a crazy hair salon. No experience is necessary, although artists are especially encouraged to participate. Contact Nicole DeWald at 301-397-2208 to volunteer.

Come to a Star Gazing Party


Come explore the universe! The Greenbelt Astronomy Club is celebrating by holding a star gazing party on Saturday, December 7 and the public is invited. The event begins at dusk and is scheduled to last until at least 11 p.m. Club members will be on hand with a variety of telescopes and binoculars to share views of star clusters, galaxies, nebulae, constellations and more. The location will be Northway Field, at the end of Northway. The event is free and open to the public. In the event of hopelessly cloudy skies, this event will be cancelled.

For further information, directions and map, visit the website at: <http://theawww.gsfc.nasa.gov/docs/outreach/gac/GAC.html>.


Advent Puppet Show

7 PM on Friday, December 13

45-minute show put on by the Columbia Baptist Fellowship. Games and treats following the show. A free-will offering will be collected for the puppeteers.



Berwyn Presbyterian Church
6301 Greenbelt Rd, 301-474-7573





OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

Week of December 6

Frida (R)

Friday
*5:00, 7:30, 9:50

Saturday
Free show at 12 Noon
"Public Enemy"

Sponsored by Prince George's County Library


*2:30, *5:00, 7:30, 9:50

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*2:30, *5:00, 7:30

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NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS
GUTTER CLEANING SCHEDULE

The 2002 GHI Fall Gutter Cleaning schedule for the week of December 9th is as follows (weather permitting):

- 56 through 62 courts Crescent Road
- 2 court Eastway
- 1 through 5 courts Gardenway
- 17 through 30 courts Ridge Road

Scheduled updates for this program will be published weekly in the Greenbelt News Review. The contact supervisor for the program is Paul Hill. He can be reached on 301-474-4161 ext. 122.

Tootsie Rolling Students Raise Funds with Fun

by Scott Legendre

An occasionally intense game of floor hockey provided a playful alternative for the 45 children from St. Hugh's who participated in this year's Tootsie Roll Bowl which was held on Veterans' Day, November 11. Children from the fifth to eighth grades participated while the younger children took part in a punt, pass and kick event which was supervised by older children from the CYO. This very busy and action-packed tournament required alert, observant coaches who, we are proud to say, are all members of St. Hugh's parish. Joe Griffith and Fred Meyer of St. Hugh Council, who were recruited for the football game in the first two Tootsie Roll Bowls, took a crash course in the rules of floor hockey. Both Kathy and Liz Labukas were instrumental in score-keeping during the event. The children from the eighth grade at St. Hugh's helped in setting up the hockey rink along with the penalty boxes for those players who became a little over-



The team (from left): Scott Legendre, Kathy Labukas, Principal Liz Whelan and Liz Labukas.

excited during the tournament. The CYO assisted by providing food and drinks for the event, which all the participants greatly appreciated. Catherine Capotosto and Janice Bistany of the CYO Board were instrumental in organizing and running the concession stand.

Following the event, a game ball was presented, in front of the

Tootsie Roll Cup, by Kathy and Liz Labukas to St. Hugh's School Principal Liz Whelan for the school staff's vigilant care of the school children during the recent sniper event which affected the Washington metropolitan area over the past few weeks.

A second game ball signed by all the participants and brother knights will be presented to

brother knight Austin Conaty in memory of his late father. Robyn Dwyer, Youth Group coordinator, was the recipient of last year's game ball. Proceeds collected from the dress-out-of-uniform day and the sale of food and drinks by the CYO were donated to St. Hugh's Catholic School. Kathy and Liz Labukas (and the rest of the Labukas family who live away from the Washington area) set up a scholarship fund in memory of their late father, Peter Labukas, to benefit the children of St. Hugh's in furthering their education. The Labukas sisters are confident that the family's gift will continue to be funded well into the future. School Principal Whelan warmly accepted the financial show of support from the Labukas sisters.

Peter Labukas was a charter member and the first Tootsie Roll Chairman for the St. Hugh's Knights of Columbus, Council # 10885. He also had a great love for the game of football. Peter lettered in three sports at George Washington University and spent many years as football coach at Woodrow Wilson High School. Peter was also a veteran of World War II. The inclement weather this year conspired to force a change in the venue of the Tootsie event. This year's Tootsie Roll Bowl, appropriately dubbed the Tootsie Roll Cup, was held inside Grenoble Hall due to windy and rainy weather conditions which made the field unusable.

So, who were the big winners this year? Gauging from the laughter and enjoyment, everyone was!

Obituaries

Mary K. Baxter

Mary K. Baxter, 77, died of heart failure on November 22, 2002, at her home on Lakecrest Drive in Greenbelt.



Born in Halifax County, Va. in 1925, she moved with her family to Maryland, where she graduated from Oxon Hill High School. In 1945 she married James William Baxter and in 1958 they purchased their first home, in Maryland Park, Md., where they raised four boys.

Mrs. Baxter worked for 30 years as a clerk typist for Potomac Electric Power Co. After her retirement in 1985 she joined the Greenbelt Senior Citizen Group, where she enjoyed many hours of aquatic exercise, lunch theaters, health seminars, and outlet shopping. Mrs. Baxter was buried at Washington National Cemetery on November 26, 2002 next to her husband James.

She is survived by three sons, Ronald, Kenneth and Steve, and nine grandchildren; three sisters, Doris A. Glosser, Naomi E. Baxter and Geraldine A. Hockman; and one brother, Roy Clinton Dalton. A fourth son, James, preceded her in death.



Forty-five St. Hugh's students participated in this year's Tootsie Roll Bowl on Veterans' Day.

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The Holidays for Jewish Families

About 70 Jewish families were selected by the federal government to move to Greenbelt in 1938. This number reflected seven percent of the Jewish population living in the Washington area during the 1930s. Religious services for Jewish families were initially held at Center School (now the Community Center) on Saturdays.

Jewish families celebrated the eight days of Hanukkah by playing a game with a top-like toy called a dreidel. Each of the Hebrew letters on the top of the dreidel stand for "A Great Miracle Happened Here." Money or "gelt" was the traditional gift given children during Hanukkah. Sometimes real money was given and sometimes chocolate candy "money" in a gold wrapper. The food most often prepared during Hanukkah was potato pancakes, called "latkes" (pronounced lat-keys) which were eaten with a dollop of sour cream on top.

Pioneer Richard Rosenzweig, son of Ethel and the late Ben Rosenzweig, notes that Christmas was a difficult time for Jewish children as they envied their Christian friends who received many gifts. This eventually sparked the gift giving by some Jewish families on each of the eight days of Hanukkah.



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Traditional menorah commemorating Hanukkah the Jewish festival of light celebration which lasts for eight days. This year's celebration is held from sundown on November 30 until sundown on December 7.

More Community Events . . .

Band Presents Christmas Concert

The Greenbelt Concert Band will present its annual holiday lights concert on Sunday, December 15 at 3 p.m. in the gymnasium of the Greenbelt Community Center. Admission is free.

The program will include such favorites as Leroy Anderson's Sleigh Ride and A Christmas Festival. Other popular numbers on the program include Santa Claus Is Coming to Town, The Skater's Waltz, Waldeufel's A Morton Gould Christmas, including his unique treatment of old-time carols. The band's Saxophone Quartet will perform Winter Wonderland.

Besides many other works, a special feature will be a Christmas songfest by the Children's Choir singing Edelweiss, Frosty the Snowman and Jingle Bells.

Everyone is invited to come and enjoy this traditional community concert by the Greenbelt Concert Band.

For additional information, contact Tom Cherrix, conductor, at 301-552-1444 or tcherrix@starpower.net

GHI Notes

The Marketing Committee will meet December 10 in the Conference Room; the Woodlands Committee will meet December 11 in the Board Room; the Investment Committee will meet December 12 in the Board Room. All meetings are at 7:30 p.m.

GHI offices will be closed at noon on December 13 for the employee holiday party. For emergency maintenance that day, call 301-474-6011.

The next Board of Directors meeting will be December 19 at 7:30 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

The December pre-purchase seminars will be Saturday, December 7 at 11 a.m. and Monday, December 16 at 7:15 p.m. in the GHI Board Room.

Members are always welcome to attend committee and board meetings.

Lasso a Great Book At Reading Roundup

Greenbelt Elementary School will host a Scholastic Book Fair on December 13 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., a book sale and literacy event geared to excite children about reading and learning. The Scholastic Book Fair will offer the most popular books and educational products for all ages, including the newest titles, award-winners, classics, and interactive products from more than 150 publishers. Parents, children, teachers and the entire community are invited to "Lasso a Great Book!" at the Reading Roundup, the theme of the Fair.

One of the Book Fair's goals is to help teachers build classroom libraries. Visitors to the Fair can check each teacher's "Classroom Wish List," then purchase and donate a requested book, helping teachers develop a rich array of learning resources for community children. In addition, the Greenbelt Elementary School PTA will use funds raised at the Book Fair to purchase essential classroom resources and support school projects.

Credit cards will be accepted.

Bone Marrow Test Drive in Greenbelt

There will be a bone marrow testing drive in Greenbelt December 21 at the Community Center from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Greenbelt resident PJ Siegel was recently diagnosed with Acute Myeloid Leukemia. She will require a bone marrow or stem cell transplant.

The free testing for this drive as been made possible by the "Friends of Allison," a nonprofit corporation that provides funding for the recruitment of potential marrow donors and the National Institute of Health Marrow Donor Center in Rockville. More information about Siegel is available at website www.newweb.net.com/~PJ. To volunteer, contact Julia Eichhorst at 301-345-5508 or email at jules@greenbelt.com.



City Information

MEETINGS FOR DECEMBER 9-14

Monday, December 9, 7:30pm, EXECUTIVE SESSION, Condemnation Lawsuit

Monday, December 9, 7:30pm, RECYCLING & ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY BOARD, Community Center.

Wednesday, December 11, 8:00pm, PUBLIC FORUM ON SITE FOR SKATEBOARD PARK, Community Center.

Public Information Meeting on the Recommended Location for the Proposed Skate Park

The Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and the Youth Advisory Committee will conduct a Public Information meeting at the Greenbelt Community Center, Multi-Purpose Room on Wednesday, December 11, 2002 at 8:00 pm. The purpose of the Public Information meeting is to review the recommendation made by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Youth Advisory Committee that Braden Field Tennis Courts 7 & 8 be used for a skate park. All interested parties are invited to attend. Those unable to attend may submit written comments to the Greenbelt Recreation Department 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770, ATTN: Skate Park. For further information please call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200. If special accommodations are required for any disabled person, please call 301-397-2200 no later than 10 a.m. on the meeting day. Deaf individuals are advised to use MD RELAY at 711 or e-mail jmcneal@ci.greenbelt.md.us.

LEAF VACUUM COLLECTION SCHEDULE

For Single Family Homes Only

- December 9-13:** Boxwood
- December 16-20:** Woodland Hills/Greenbrook Village and Estates
- December 23-27:** Lakewood and Greenspring 1 and 2
- December 30-Jan. 3:** Lakeside and Windsor Green
- Jan. 6-Jan. 15th:** All Areas

Remember: Rake leaves to the curb, keeping piles away from cars and storm drains. Remove tree limbs, rocks and other debris-this can damage the equipment and cause injuries. Collection signs will be placed in your neighborhood the week before the collection.

Photography Exhibition Opens at Greenbelt Municipal Building



"The Longest Night: Photography by Joseph Giordano"
December 8, 2002 through January 31, 2003
Greenbelt Municipal Building ~ 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland
For information: Nicole DeWald, 301-397-2208

An opening reception with the artist will be held on Sunday, December 8 from 1-3pm in conjunction with the 31st annual Festival of Lights Art and Craft Fair and artists' studio open house.

GREENBELT ACCESS CHANNEL 71

Municipal Access: 301-474-8000: Tuesday & Thursday, 12/10 & 12/12: 6pm "Festival of Lights Tree Lighting" 7pm "The Nighthawks"

Public Access: 301-507-6581: Wednesday & Friday, 12/11 & 12/13: 7pm "Love Foundation Agape Celebration Part II"; 7:30pm "Public Safety-Auto Theft Prevention" 8:00pm "GAC presents Brightness Falls" Sunday, 12/14: 9am & 6pm "Agape Celebration Part II"

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Artists, Volunteers Sought for Greenbelt New Year

Sculptors and installation artists interested in participating in an outdoor exhibition for Greenbelt New Year are invited to apply to the Greenbelt Recreation Department by December 13. Applications are available at the main office of the Greenbelt Community Center located at 15 Crescent Road. Artists also may contact Nicole DeWald, Arts Coordinator, at 301-397-2208 or ndewald@ci.greenbelt.md.us to request that an application be provided via fax or e-mail.

Teen and adult volunteers are sought for New Year's Eve arts activities including mask and crown workshops and a crazy hair salon. No experience is necessary, although artists are especially encouraged to participate. Contact Nicole DeWald to volunteer.



Please see the back page for a full schedule of Festival of Lights events and celebrate the holiday season with your family, friends and neighbors!

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seum. It looks so tiny today.

I spent a lot of childhood Christmas mornings in Greenbelt, but the holiday gift that stands out in my mind the most (after the gift of ice skates) is the Christmas morning when I awoke to find a wicker doll buggy and a doll. I loved them passionately, and now I could begin playing dolls with my best friend, Jean Bonnar. She lived down the row at 35-G. (I suspect now that the buggy was a used model, but to me, it was perfect.) I also got a bit of needed clothing. We all did. One non-clothing gift or two non-clothing gifts at most was the norm for many families back then.

As is well-known no one in early Greenbelt had much money. But my girlfriend, Jean, had well-off relatives in Massachusetts who used to make a pilgrimage to Greenbelt at Christmastime. They brought with them gifts for Jean and her brother, John, and from my house I could see them unloading their big car and carrying large packages down the sidewalk to 35-G. It was exciting to watch.

I remember best a shiny red fire engine, the realistic kind you sit in and pedal. It was for John Bonnar and it was a stunner going down the walk. Late in the afternoon on Christmas day I loved to go to Jean's house to get a closer look at the gifts that came from Massachusetts.

Usually there was at least one night of caroling during the holidays. While I remember how bitterly cold it could get as we went from door to door for more than an hour, the caroling was still one of my favorite things. I was a persistent alto. Clayton McCarl always went with us, I remember, and he too loved singing. Once we were in front of the home of Thomas Canning (later councilmember and mayor), and he and Mrs. Canning just stood there in the cold, beaming, framed by the light of their open door, until we finished all our songs. Then they gave us hot cocoa and candy.

Christmas Day was spent simply. It consisted of cooking and eating, visiting neighbors and listening to the radio. We had no car. I believe I remember the high-pitched voice of England's conscientious little Princess Elizabeth coming through the radio to wish her countrymen and us a Happy Christmas. Homes were much quieter in those days, there being no televisions or DVDs or computers or cell phones or telemarketers. We did have a party-line telephone, which was not used very frequently.

Once in a while we had a guest over for dinner, an elderly friend or relative, who usually brought me the gift of a book. I was always disappointed to get a book and not something to play



A young Barbara Bonham, on the left, poses with a playmate in front of the family home in the 35 Court of Ridge Road.

with, but I never admitted it. The big holiday dinner ended with pie or some spiced peaches our mother had put up the previous summer with fruit from the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center farm. After it was all over, she would take to the living room sofa with her cigarettes, ashtray, and the Washington Post. She used to say, "Children, allow me one vice."

Entrepreneurs

As little girls, Jean and I had our own winter traditions. We always made Yule logs and sugar cookies in December. We would go into the woods and find some good log pieces and greens and holly if we were lucky. From a parent we got red candles. After that we would catch Jean's father in a good mood and coerce him into drilling holes in the logs for the candles. The fun part was decorating with the greens and whatever bits of ribbon we could find to stick on with school glue. We sold one or two of those logs, if I remember correctly.

Sugar cookies we made many of, all winter long. Both mothers tolerated it. Once in a great while, early on a winter Saturday morning my tired mother would get a baking fit and let us put linen napkins in baskets and go door to door selling what she produced. We had cupcakes with pink icing, oatmeal cookies and sometimes even filled cream puffs, right out of the oven. We always sold out.

Radio Favorites

While washing and drying dishes on winter Sunday nights or getting ready for the week ahead, Bonham siblings always listened to "Jack Benny," "Charlie McCarthy" and "The Fred Waring Show" on the radio. I remember the Fred Waring chorus singing "Dream, Dream, Dream," and the lovely "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes." Only now do I connect that song with a vague memory that Chesterfield (cigarettes) was the show's sponsor.

Warm Memories of the Holidays In Greenbelt during World War II

The following article is a continuation of the article submitted by Lee and Bonnie Shields that was featured in the November 21, 2002 issue of the News Review. The Friends of the Greenbelt Museum will feature these vignettes and other wartime memorabilia in the historic house museum during this year's holiday season beginning December 7. The house is open Sunday afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m.

Shopping for gifts was really different back then. If you had a car and gasoline or the patience to wait for public transportation (a bus or streetcar), you could go anywhere to shop. There were no decorations up until after Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade. Then you could go downtown to Woodward & Lothrop's department store to see wonderful holiday displays in the front window. There also were very few stores in which to shop! The only Sears & Roebuck in the area was on Bladensburg Road, N.E., in Washington. The only Montgomery Wards was in Baltimore. Lee's family did a lot of shopping along H Street, N.E., where prices were a lot lower.

Bonnie and Lee both remember trips to Sears where the smell of fresh doughnuts being made greeted you at the door. If you were good in the store, you might be treated to a doughnut.

Another difference in the shopping atmosphere (besides hardly any money) was that there were Blue Laws in effect, meaning no stores were open on Sunday.

Under the Christmas tree each year there would be a very few gifts for each family member – a sweet, a toy, a practical gift such as mittens or a wool cap, shoes or socks, pajamas, underwear, handkerchiefs, a book or comic book. The stocking hung with such care might have an orange or tangerine and a few mixed nuts in the shell and one or two little toys. These gifts were not always new from the store! They might be hand-me-downs or recycled or homemade or canned or baked at home or constructed by little fingers in school shop or home economics class. A set of blocks might have been made from scrap wood. Another useful gift might be a promise of an in-kind service, chore or favor – babysitting, snow shoveling or repairing something.

Giftwrap might be newspaper, magazine illustrations, butcher paper or other leftover stuff, tied up with butcher string or rubber bands instead of fancy wrapping paper and ribbons.

Decorating the tree (often on Christmas Eve) consisted of installing a few Noma electric lights, which tended to get very hot as long as the current held out. Two-prong plugs tended to get overcrowded and you might blow



Bonnie Shields, as a little girl, shares her doll collection with a friend.

a circuit breaker. Thank goodness the people who built Greenbelt didn't put in fuse boxes, flipping a switch was a lot easier than hunting for the right fuse. We also strung popcorn, cranberries, popcorn balls, lead tinsel, old heavy ornaments, chains out of cut paper or bits of string and a few tasteful items hand-crafted by the children. The tree came down by New Year's Day.

Holiday activities included lots of visiting back and forth with neighbors. Outside there was sledding, snowball fights, snowman building, snow-angel making and ice skating on Greenbelt Lake if conditions per-

mitted or just running and playing in our precious woods and playgrounds. There was a lot of singing around the piano (if the family had one) or record player. Other activities included taffy pulls, candy making and such delights as making mints out of mashed potatoes!

Because Greenbelt families had a really varied heritage, with very different holiday traditions, visiting each other at holiday time was really interesting and educational. Some had been in this area for generations; others were more recent arrivals from other parts of the country or other parts of the world. Your neighbor on one side might be Irish Catholic, on the other side Jewish or

Eastern Orthodox or Scandinavian Lutheran. A number of families had grandparents or other relatives who just came from the "home country" and it was fun to visit with them even if it might be difficult to understand each other.

In all, the holiday season in Greenbelt "during the war" was great fun, tempered by the uncertainty we all felt and the sacrifices necessary to support the war effort. Hey – since we were just coming out of the Great Depression, we were used to doing without things! We all helped and supported each other. We all appreciated each other.

Recipes from World War II Era Snow Ice Cream

In small bowl stir together: ½ c. heavy cream; ½ c. sugar or light corn syrup and ½ tsp. vanilla. Lightly stirring (let the children do the stirring), pour cream mixture over 2 quarts (8 cups or large bowlful) of clean* freshly fallen snow. (A quart of snow makes about 1 cup of ice cream.)

*Be sure the snow is absolutely clean and unpolluted by dust, soot, industrial waste, radioactive fallout or your own pets.

Substitutions

When any recipe calls for 1 c. granulated sugar, you could substitute:

- Molasses - 1 c. plus ½ tsp. baking soda for each c.
 - Maple syrup - 1-1/4 c. plus 1/4 tsp. baking soda for each c.; reduce liquid by ½.
 - Honey - 1 c. plus 1/8 tsp. baking soda for each c.; reduce liquid by 1/4.
 - Corn syrup - 1 c. plus 1/8 tsp. baking soda for each c.; reduce liquid by 1/3.
- For comparable sweetness you would need 1-1/2 c. molasses or maple syrup, 3/4 c. honey or 2 c. corn syrup to replace each c. of sugar.

- American Cookery, March 1942

Art at the National WildlifeVisitor Center

Artist Kurt Plinke will be featured through December at Hollingworth Art Gallery at the National Wildlife Visitor Center. Plinke enjoys creating watercolor, gouache and egg tempera paintings of nature's "micro-environments." Following in the tradition of previous naturalist-illustrators such as Audubon, Darwin and Wilson, he spends time in the field gathering information on the minute details



of nature in journals that are a "combination sketchbook and diary" as references for future work.

Visit the National Wildlife Visitor Center on Powder Mill Rd. between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Rt. 197. The visitor center is open daily from 10 to 5:30 p.m. For additional information, call 301-497-5760.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Greenbelt Foundation For The Arts will be awarding small grants to groups and individuals in support of children's art programs in Greenbelt.

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POLICE BLOTTER

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Assault
Beltway Plaza, AMC 8 Theatres, November 25, 12:48 p.m., a man was assaulted by three other men who kicked and punched the victim several times in the head. The victim was transported by ambulance to Doctors Hospital for treatment of head lacerations. The suspects are described only as (1) a black male, teens, hair in cornrows and a dark complexion, wearing all black clothing; (2) a black male, teens, dark complexion, wearing a black jacket, and (3) a black male, hair in dreadlocks, light complexion, wearing all black clothing.

Burglary
7800 block Walker Drive, November 25, 2:57 p.m., five laptop computers were taken from a locked office. A possible suspect seen tampering with a door lock is described as a black male, thirties, 6', heavy build, wearing a black leather jacket, maroon sweatshirt, black pants, black tennis shoes, with a black-and-white bandana on his head.

Unattended Child
Beltway Plaza, November 19, 1:54 p.m., a 21-year-old woman from Beltsville was arrested and charged with leaving a child in an unattended vehicle after officers found a one-year-old alone in the vehicle. When the mother returned a short time later, she was released on citation pending trial after her arrest.

Theft
Marriott Hotel, Ivy Lane, No-

vember 12, 9:54 a.m., an unattended briefcase was taken from a conference room at the hotel.
Beltway Plaza, November 23, 3:53 p.m., someone removed an unattended purse from atop a vehicle in a parking lot.
7700 block Greenbelt Road, November 25, 6:45 p.m., an unattended purse was taken from a training room in an office complex.

Drunk and Disorderly
Holiday Inn, November 23, 12:10 a.m., a 30-year-old male resident of Silver Spring was arrested after he was seen in the hotel parking lot throwing bottles from a parked vehicle onto the parking lot. He was released on citation pending trial.

Vandalism
7200 block Hanover Parkway, November 23, 12:07 p.m., someone vandalized an office suite.

Vehicle Crime
The following vehicles were reported stolen: a red 1998 Ford Crown Victoria four-door, Md. tags AO10188, November 21, from the 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace; a 1989 Toyota Camry four-door, November 20, from the 8000 block Mandan Road, which was recovered on November 22 from the area of Mandan Road and Mandan Court; a white 1999 Plymouth Neon two-door, North Carolina tags LXW6147, November 23, from the 100 block Westway; a burgundy 1999 Toyota Camry four-door, Va. tags YKB3230; a green 1997 Honda

Man Identified In Fatal Shooting
In the Springhill Lake shooting which occurred on November 26 and was reported in the News Review of November 28, police identify the deceased male as Bruce Leon Chambers, Jr., 24, of Washington, D.C.

Accord four-door, Md. tags LAH871; a white 1988 Dodge van with a maroon door, Md. tags 19J201, November 13, from the 9100 block Springhill Court; a grey 1992 Dodge van, Md. tags M535502, November 25, from the 5900 block Cherrywood Lane; a grey 1992 Plymouth van, Md. tags M632524, November 25, from the 6000 block Cherrywood Court; a 1997 GMC Yukon sport utility vehicle, November 25, from the 7300 block Morrison Drive, which was recovered the same day by County police in Glenn Dale.

Three vehicles stolen in the period prior to this report were recovered; no arrests were involved.
Vandalism to, thefts from, and attempted thefts of vehicles were reported in the following areas: 9100 block Edmonston Court; 7500 block Mandan Road; 8000 block Mandan Road; 6200 block Springhill Court; 7500 block Greenbelt Road; 7900 block Mandan Road; 6900 block Hanover Parkway; Beltway Plaza.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. Citizens may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522. Victims of the theft of lawn ornaments, tools, lawn mowers, etc., should contact Criminal Investigations at 301-507-6530. Some items have been recovered and police would like to return them to owners.

City Notes

During the week of November 27 the horticulture crew traveled to northern Maryland to purchase the new tree for the Festival of Lights. The tree was planted and decorated. The crew also cleaned beds and planted bulbs on the Windsor Green side of Mandan Road and assisted the parks crew laying sod in the Dog Park.

The parks crew spread wood Fibar in the playground at Plateau and Ridge and purchased, transported and laid sod in the Dog Park. The teeter-totter was repaired and a new trash can was installed in the playground at 2 Court Gardenway. Leaves were collected with the vacuum and the next area for collection was posted.

The streets crew cleaned the streets in Boxwood with the sweeper and made temporary sidewalk repairs on Gardenway until permanent replacement can be done in the spring.

The special operations crew made and replaced eight signs on Lastner Lane and Rosewood Drive, replaced three broken bollards on Hanover Parkway, assisted with transporting the new tree for the Festival of Lights from the vendor in northern Maryland, checked the city for graffiti and unauthorized signs on poles and assisted with running wiring for computer connections at Public Works.

Greenbelt CARES

The week of November 24, the Advisory Committee on Education (ACE) held its regular monthly meeting. ACE members worked on final plans and the agenda for the annual principals meeting. All principals from area schools have been invited to attend the upcoming meeting and to bring along other staff members.

U. of Md. Offers Chamber Music

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A Review

Local Musicians Present Concert for Friends

by Virginia Beauchamp

Imagine an 18th-century English drawing room or perhaps a 19th-century American parlor. Chairs are arranged in rows for an audience of neighbors to enjoy an afternoon's musicale. Except that this event takes place in the 21st century and we're in a small home in Berwyn Heights that backs up against the trees of Calvert Park.

The living room is pretty much occupied with a baby grand piano and chairs and music stands for three musicians, so we're ushered through the kitchen into the small dining area that creates an "L" off the living room. We're invited to sit in the chairs lined up in four rows of about five each.

Over our heads is the dining room chandelier, to which has been affixed a small microphone attached to a cord that moves across the ceiling and down the wall to a recording device. Since we're in the back row, one of our group is to push the on and off buttons for the music.

Our hostess is the pianist Deni Foster. We are the guests of violinist Robert Holloway and his wife, clarinetist Jeri Holloway. Both are Greenbelters now retired as teachers of music in the Prince George's County school system. Someone distributes elegant programs for us to read, complete with a colored design motif of autumn leaves in one corner.

This is the second of a series of three concerts the musicians are giving this week for family and friends. If the house were bigger, they could handle us all at once. We're just lucky they were able to fit us in.

We will be hearing an early

18th-century work by Locatelli, a slightly later trio by Mozart and two works by the modern composer, the late Aram Khachaturian. Bob Holloway is to be our guide in understanding and appreciating these offerings – a sort of oral version of program notes.

Pianist Foster is also a flutist and on that instrument, in the Locatelli, a Trio Sonata in G Major, she joins Bob Holloway on violin, Moya Atkinson on cello, and Ruth Gresser on an electronic harpsichord keyboard. Not to worry that there's an extra instrument. The folks back then added extra musicians all the time, says Holloway. The three movements are short and all are charming.

Both Holloways perform in the Mozart trio, but he now changes to a viola. They are joined by Foster on piano this time. From my seat near the kitchen door I cannot see around the corner to the piano, though I catch a glimpse of Foster's face. And of course I can hear the trills and sparkling piano notes created by the master composer. The blend of viola and clarinet is lovely. It is clear the performers have played much together.

Twentieth Century

When they move to the Khachaturian we are in another world of music. There are two works. Gresser does a solo number, a toccata, on the piano. It is a demanding work, with frequent dissonances and fast passages and the pianist is up to the task. She receives enthusiastic applause.

The Khachaturian trio concludes the program. Bob Holloway is back on violin,

joined by his wife on clarinet and Foster again on piano. The piece was new to me, as to most of the audience, it seemed – and quite wonderful. What a strangely different world this Armenian-turned-Soviet composer grew up in than, say, Mozart and Locatelli. The last movement, a theme and variations which played on tunes of his ancient land, carried us in imagination into the mountains of near-Asia.

This performance took place on Saturday, November 23. It was the eighth such program the group, all members of the Paint Branch Unitarian-Universalist Church, have annually prepared and performed for friends in autumn afternoons. And truly an early Thanksgiving gift.

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issues that affect Greenbelt are debated in Upper Marlboro." Davis further expressed her good wishes, noting that, "This is a good opportunity for Ric to continue to serve his community in this new capacity. I know that he brings an abundance of experience to this position."

Santos is a 36-year honorary life member of Greenbelt American Legion Post #136. He is also a 36-year resident of Greenbelt, having raised his family on Ridge Road where he currently resides with his wife, Linda Lee.

When asked about his new position, Ric observed, "This is a new challenge for me. I will have the opportunity to better serve the citizens of Greenbelt. I look forward to assisting Doug in the development of legislation and policy to improve the quality of life, to enhance public safety, and to address other important

issues of concern in the fourth district and Prince George's County."

Wonders of Nature Featured in Show

The Montpelier Arts Cultural Center, located at 12826 Laurel-Bowie Road in Laurel, is featuring an exhibit of photographs by Ann Krumrein titled "Earth Teach Me." This exhibit, in the library gallery, runs through December 27, is open daily and is free to the public.

The photographs are color and black and white photographs of the natural world inspired by a Native American prayer. Krumrein is a winner of the 2001/02 Library Gallery Competition, which is open to all Maryland artists.



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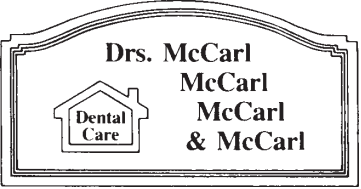
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story in the News Review about the proposed new office building in the Golden Triangle development is a perfect example of the gap between what developers say at zoning hearings and what really happens. In its planning stages, the Golden Triangle was touted as a “Quality Development.” This turned out to include two cookie cutter chain hotels, one TGI Fridays that gets so many police calls that its liquor license is in jeopardy and a Cadillac dealership.

According to the developer in last week’s story, the new Golden Triangle building will have double the usual number of parking spaces because it will be home to as many pesky telemarketers as can be squeezed in – not my definition of quality. If Mr Shyrock were to take a walk back in the area of the proposed mall, he’d find more there than just an industrial wasteland. But wetlands ecology aside, there’s just no sound business reason for up-scale tenants to buy in. I suspect that the real potential tenants are outlets for the big names rather than the stores themselves: the off-brand places like Bloomies’ Bargain Basement and Sad Saks Reject Racks. And that Mr. Shyrock will still be driving to Columbia for the finer things in life.

Cathie Meetre

About the Band

Thank you for the News Review article on pioneer Annie Halley. I enjoyed it and have saved it with my other clippings about early Greenbelt.

I was a member of the original Greenbelt Band and was taught to play the clarinet by Mr. Paul Garrett, the first leader and instructor. Although Paul’s brother Dana (not Dan – maybe that was a typo?), who came later, had been a member of the Sousa band, I don’t recall ever hearing that Paul Garrett was. And I believe the band Dana played with was the later band that Mr. Sousa took around the world, not the Marine Band. (I would have to check that point; there is a book about Sousa in the Greenbelt Library which I once took out and saw Dana’s name mentioned in it.)

Someday I’m going to write an article about the Greenbelt Band for my memoirs (and possibly for the News Review), but right now my family responsibilities are taking priority and I don’t have time to search through my “archives” for memorabilia and facts needed for such an article. However, I did type up a few sentences and have enclosed them in case you’re interested.

Kathleen Scott McFarland

Greenbelters Enjoy Meteor Showers

Scores of Greenbelters viewed the Leonid meteors during the night of November 18/19 from the Northway Field.

I was part of a goodly crowd of observers, all of us well wrapped to ward off the cold night, who showed at Northway Field on a crystal clear night. From this relatively dark site, we saw unparalleled natural wonders. Starting at about 5 a.m., frequent shooting stars streaked across the sky, sometimes several at the same time. Some had long trails, with contrails persisting. Others

A Reminiscence
When the Garretts Led the Town Band

by Kathleen Scott McFarland

Paul Garrett, the original leader of the Greenbelt Community Band, which was organized in 1940, was the son of a Muncie, Indiana bandmaster. He often mentioned a march his father had written, “The Muncie March.” Paul was a teacher of English and Latin in the D.C. public schools and had been a clarinetist in the National Symphony Orchestra. He taught all the young musicians, who ranged in age from 12 to 18, to play their instruments. Most of us had never had any musical education and were completely “green.” In a Cooperator (the original name for this newspaper) of 1940 there was a write-up on Mr. Garrett along with pictures of Revere Nielsen (a senior at Greenbelt High) playing his tuba and a young Kathleen Scott receiving instruction from Mr. Garrett on the e-flat clarinet.

In 1941, Paul Garrett enlisted in the Navy. He recruited his brother Dana to take his place as leader of the Greenbelt Band. Dana, a trumpet player, was a showman who had traveled the world with the Sousa band. One of Dana’s first actions when he took over the band was to start a “feeder” band to replace older members as they left. Indeed, we were losing players weekly in those war years as the boys became 18 and entered the armed forces. Some parents joined the band as players of the large instruments. Mr. Downs became our bass drum player. He and

were quite short and vanished quickly. I observed about 50 in the hour that I stayed there. We were also treated to a view of the space station moving across the sky. One observer brought a telescope; we had a good view of Saturn and its rings, including the Cassini division first observed in 1675, that separates the major ring structures. Its huge moon Titan, larger than our own moon, was also visible. It should be noted that a NASA spacecraft, named after G. D. Cassini, will arrive in the vicinity of Saturn in 2004. NASA plans to send a probe diving through Titan’s atmosphere and onto its surface, as part of this project.

We also looked at Jupiter; we could see several dark bands across its surface as well as the four moons first observed by Galileo in 1610.

We Greenbelters are fortunate to have a relatively dark sky site at Northway Field. Children and adults alike were able to view a great natural event.

Shalom Fisher

Metro Station Mall
Might Cut Pollution

Yes, there are people in Greenbelt who support the development of a shopping mall at the Greenbelt Metro Station and I am one of them.

Frankly, we do not have any high-quality shopping nearby. Year after year the situation gets worse. Many of us watched with dismay the slow death of Landover Mall. With the impending closure of J.C. Penney’s in Laurel, one can only wonder what’s next. Certainly, I will be less likely to go there because

“little Eddie Halley” on snare drum were the drum section.

I became first-chair clarinet after the older clarinet players had left. After I graduated from high school in 1944, Dana convinced me to take on some private clarinet pupils from the “feeder” band, and for a year or two I taught eight or nine pupils every Saturday in the basement of our house at 7-K Crescent Road. My girlfriend Pat Brown taught flute; one of her pupils was Shirley Morrison (Clute). Pat and I also wrote a weekly column called “Toots” for the Cooperator in which we publicized concerts on the lawn of Center School and other activities of the band.

During at least one of those wartime summers, Dana Garrett’s sister Grace came to instruct the feeder band and conduct the summer concerts. And when Dana got married (I believe in ‘46 or ‘47) the entire band played at his outdoor wedding reception. By this time Pat and I were in college and we played in the band less frequently. So we missed out on the “glory days” when the band had cheerleaders and marched in big parades outside our little town.

I was married in 1949, and Pat was killed in an auto accident just two weeks before my wedding. The town band was dissolved in the early ‘50s (I’d have to check the year) as by that time the schools all had their own bands.

the choices will be more limited. In that regard, yes, we do have a new mall in Bowie, but the Hecht’s there is smaller than the Hecht’s in other locations, again limiting choices.

Currently, I travel the Beltway to Montgomery County and farther to do any significant shopping. I’m sure that is contributing to pollution and traffic around the Beltway. Much better to walk, ride the bus or travel just a mile to a shopping center we need and deserve in Prince George’s County. We should not have to be the ugly sister to our neighboring counties. A special shopping center that would attract people from our neighboring counties (and they could arrive on a Metro train) would go far in the development of Prince George’s County.

Surely, there have to be creative ways to develop a quality shopping experience at the Metro station while still preserving the unique nature of the site. I urge people to find them.

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THANK YOU

We would like to publicly express our thanks and gratitude to GILA, Greenbelt’s Interfaith Leadership Association, for a beautiful Thanksgiving service.

It is always very special to come together as a community at Thanksgiving to express our thankfulness for our blessings and our freedoms.

This year was especially lovely. Thanks to JeanCook, Mary Shipley and the combined choir for their lovely choral contributions of praise. And to James Sturdivant, Rex Powell,

Letters from the City

Superintendent John Hale
National Capital Parks East

Dear Superintendent Hale:

At its meeting of November 25, 2002, the Greenbelt City Council discussed the status of the Jaeger Tract. While the Council and the community are shocked and upset that all the efforts toward acquiring the 17+ acre parcel seem to have been thwarted by the actions of the Friends Community School, the City is not ready to give up.

It is our belief that the good of the whole community should prevail over the interest of the few. As you well know, the community has been seeking a way to add this property to Greenbelt Park for over 20 years. At no time was it closer to reality than over the past year thanks in large part to the funding made available by Congressman Hoyer.

Greenbelt remains committed to this effort. However, the recent sale of the property to the Friends Community School limits the methods available to make the acquisition a reality. As such, the City of Greenbelt urges the National Park Service to exercise its authority of eminent domain. The Jaeger Tract ought to be preserved for the greater good in perpetuity as part of Greenbelt Park, and not developed to serve a special interest.

A similar request has been sent to Congressman Hoyer.

Sincerely,

Judith F. Davis, Mayor

Dear Congressman Hoyer:

At its meeting of November 25, 2002, the Greenbelt City Council discussed the status of the Jaeger Tract. I am sure you share our shock and dismay that the outstanding efforts of the coalition of your staff, the National Park Service, the National Park Trust, the residents of Westchester Park, Greenbelt, and the City to acquire the 17+ acre Jaeger Tract were thwarted by the actions of the Friends Community School of College Park.

The interests of the greater community to acquire the Jaeger Tract to be added to Greenbelt Park should not be superseded by the special interest of the Friends Community School or any other party. Preservation of green open space is vital, particularly in an urbanized area such as ours. Efforts should continue to acquire the Jaeger Tract. The City of Greenbelt remains committed to that goal.

At this time, it is requested that your office discuss with representatives of the National Park Service that it exercise its authority of eminent domain on the Jaeger Tract for the purpose of adding it to Greenbelt Park. The interest of a few should not subvert years of effort on the path of serving the good of the whole community.

Thank you for all your past support and Greenbelt remains ready to work with you to make acquiring the Jaeger Tract a reality.

Sincerely,

Judith F. Davis, Mayor

Daniel Hamlin, Francis Ayensu, Leo Jones, Jonathan Cohen, Antoinette Conrad, and Dae Hwa Park we declare a great big thank you for a wonderful service. You were so eloquent and thought provoking. Thank you.

To fellow Greenbelters, if you missed this year, be sure to join us in 2003 for a truly thanks giving experience.

And GILA get the news out early as to when and where next year’s service will be held so we can all be there.

Thank you and our prayers go with each of you.

Richard and Louise Craig

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age certain innovative development techniques such as the clustering of homes to preserve open space and some natural features of the terrain. It would also permit some retail and service businesses. This was the area for which Greenhorne & O'Mara had become contract purchaser.

The engineering firm immediately applied for commercial zoning of the property, citing "a substantial change in the character of the neighborhood" since the 1946 zoning plan had been adopted. For example, the Golden Triangle, Capital Office Park, and the Maryland Trade Center had all been developed in the interim, the corporation's representative pointed out.

Besides the two office buildings – one of 12 stories and one of seven stories to be built at a later date – the design plan called for parking for at least 1,400 employees.

Plans Opposed

At a Greenbelt City Council work session on January 11, 1989, residents of Westchester Park asked for support from the city to oppose plans for high-density development of the tract and to seek instead single-family home development. Over 300 Westchester Park residents had already signed a petition to that effect, a number later increased to over 1,000.

Robert F. Crecco, chair of an ad hoc committee, spoke for the group. He argued that a commercial office complex would be incompatible with both residential high-rises and a national park.

In the face of community opposition, Greenhorne & O'Mara later withdrew their plans. The corporation wanted to cooperate with the community, its president said. Later in 1989 the land was downzoned to R-R, mandating two single-family homes per acre.

New Owner

In March 2000 the property was sold to Community Management Company (CMC) of New York. CMC is affiliated with AD and C Management Company, which in December 1999 had presented several proposals to the Westchester Park Civic Association (WPCA). (Amir Ahmad, an AD and C partner who this month handled the property's sale to the Friends Community School, Inc., is associated with both companies.)

The response from the WPCA was negative to the first proposal, which included a townhouse development in addition to single-family homes. Association members felt that the R-R category, 35 units of single-family homes, was preferable to any other plan.

The City of Greenbelt opposed all development, as did Berwyn Heights and later New Carrollton. The three municipalities took the position that the federal government should purchase the parcels for park use. They appealed to U.S. Senators Paul Sarbanes and Barbara Mikulski for their intervention. Congressmen Steny Hoyer and Al Wynn were on record as supporting the cities' view.

By April 2000 the WPCA was also supporting federal acquisition of the Jaeger Tract parcels, as was the City of College Park. A survey of Westchester Park residents showed they were 3 to 1 in opposition to development of the two tracts.

The Association took the initiative in promoting a major rally on May 6 of that year following a letter-writing campaign to elected federal, state, and county officials. Organizers stressed the importance of the park as an invaluable resource to the communities, the Washington metropolitan area, and campground visitors from across the United States.

They also stressed the value of the parcels in question as a possible wetlands mitigation site since Still Creek, which runs through the property, and Indian Creek, which runs through the Metroland property, both join the Northeast Branch of the Anacostia River. One acre of Parcel C is already designated as a wetland. Storm water management of any development was already a major concern to NPS.

At the rally State Delegate Joan Pitkin offered support. Referring to the crowded schools, traffic congestion and red-alert air

quality days in the metropolitan area, she stressed the value of preserving green space to counter these deleterious effects. County Councilmember Audrey Scott said that different levels of government – municipal, county, state and federal – should be working together to preserve the green space. She pledged her active participation in such an effort.

Friends Pact

By December 2000 things took a new turn when John Hale, superintendent of National Capital Parks-East, declared at a worksession with the Greenbelt City Council that he was interested in acquiring what remained of the Jaeger Tract for the park. This acquisition had moved ahead in the NPS list of priorities, he said, but funding was currently unavailable. He suggested a Friends agreement with the city to highlight formally the land's importance to both the city and the park. A fund-raising arm

could be added to such an agreement, he said.

And so it has turned out. A partnership composed of the city, NPS, the WPCA, and later the National Park Trust was able to raise the balance of funds necessary to purchase the Jaeger Tract property. This would be added to the commitment of \$1 million already included in the Department of Interior appropriations bill arranged through the efforts of Congressman Steny Hoyer.

Only two minor issues still needed to be worked out, as City Manager Mike McLaughlin acknowledged in a memo on November 8. But later that same day the partnership group was shocked to learn that another group, the board of the Friends school, had undercut the efforts by hundreds of citizens and dozens of officials over almost exactly 40 years to keep the prop-

erty undeveloped and in the past two years to raise the funds to purchase it.

On November 25, the Greenbelt City Council declared its intent to keep trying to have the Jaeger Tract become parkland by urging the NPS to condemn the land for park acquisition and by exploring ways to convince the Friend's school not to build there.



Congratulations to Carol and Allan Leventhal on the birth of their granddaughter Jordan Melissa Brookstone born to Leigh Leventhal Brookstone and Mitchell Brookstone on November 7. This makes granddaughter number five.

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Greenbelt Community Center Art Gallery
Open to all ages. FREE
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department

ENJOY THE SOUNDS of the HOLIDAYS

Holiday Lights Concert

Sunday, December 15, 3pm
Greenbelt Community Center gym
All ages welcome. FREE
Featuring holiday music by the Greenbelt Concert Band.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department

THE GREENBRIAR COMMUNITY PRESENTS

Greenbelt - East Tree Lighting

Sunday, December 15, 7pm
Greenbriar Community Building
All ages welcome. FREE
Entertainment by ERHS Choir and a reception to follow.
Information: Tina Murphy (301)441-1096

Senior Christmas Luncheon

Tuesday, December 17, 12:30pm
Greenbriar Community Building
FREE
Information: Tina Murphy (301)441-1096

Children's Party with Santa

Saturday December 21, 11am - 1pm
Greenbriar Community Building
FREE
Information: Tina Murphy (301)441-1096

THE GREENBELT MUSEUM PRESENTS

"Picturing Victims and Patriots: FSA photographs from the Depression and World War II"



Ongoing FREE
Greenbelt Museum Exhibit Space
Greenbelt Community Center
Open to all ages.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Museum

Greenbelt Museum Tours

Every Sunday, 1-5pm
10-B Crescent Road
All ages welcome. FREE
Tour Greenbelt's historic house museum which will be decorated for the holidays
Hosted by: Friends of the Greenbelt Museum

.....AND MUCH MORE

The First Annual Holiday Bowl

Men's Touch Football Tournament
Saturday and Sunday, December 7 and 8
First game starts at 9am
Braden Field - A flight and B flight divisions
Come see the area's best football teams compete for the highly coveted Holiday Bowl Trophy. Anyone interested in entering a team should call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at (301)397-2200 by November 27.
Hosted by: Greenbelt Recreation Department

THE CELEBRATION CONCLUDES WITH.....



Greenbelt New Year 2003

Tuesday, December 31 - Wednesday, January 1
Community Center/Youth Center/Art Center/Old Greenbelt Theater & New Deal Cafe
6:45pm - 1am All ages are welcome.

Advance sales: 11/26 - 12/30: Ages 0-4/FREE; Ages 5+/\$5;
After 12/30: Ages 0-4/FREE, Ages 5+/\$7

Finish 2002 and end the year with an alcohol free New Year's celebration for all ages.
DEFINITELY A DON'T MISS EVENT!!

Hosted by: Greenbelt New Year Committee and The Greenbelt Recreation Department

Holiday Hours: Greenbelt Recreation Facilities

	GCC	GAFC	YC/SHLRC
Tuesday, December 24	9am - 5pm	6am - 5pm	12pm - 5pm
Wednesday, December 25	12pm - 4pm	12pm - 4pm	12pm - 4pm
Tuesday, December 31	9am - 1pm	6am - 5pm	12pm - 5pm
Wednesday, January 1	12pm - 4pm	12pm - 5pm	12pm - 5pm

GCC - Greenbelt Community Center - GAFC - Greenbelt Aquatics and Fitness Center
YC - Youth Center - SHLRC - Springhill Lake Recreation Center

2003 WINTER BROCHURE COMING SOON!!!!

The Greenbelt Recreation Department provides extensive recreation services and facilities which are fully responsive to the needs of residents, resulting in self development, satisfying activities, and enriching social and cultural experiences.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

